

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letter Patent is:

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1. A coated article comprising a substrate having a coating of a continuous, silicon oxynitride which coating is transparent, provides a substantially smooth surface is substantially uniform in thickness and is substantially permanently adhered to said substrate.

2. The coated article of claim 1 wherein said coating is between 10 and 5000 nm.

3. The coated article of claim 1 wherein said coating is 50 and 1000nm.

4. The coated article of claim 1 wherein said coating is about 20 to 500 nm thick

5. The coated article of claim 1 wherein said substrate is transparent.

6. The coated article of claim 1 in which said article is used as a transparent bed in a scanner.

7. The coated article of claim 1 wherein the transmission therethrough of normal incident light in the wavelength range of 400 to 800 nm is not substantially decreased over the transmission through an uncoated substrate of the same composition.

8. The coated article of claim 1 wherein said average transmission is increased at least 2 percent.